

## ENVIRONMENT /LAND USE

**2815: Climate change, emissions assessment.** Requires that state shall limit emissions by 2020 (to 1990 levels); by 2035 (to 25% below 1990 levels); and by 2050 (to 50% below 1990 levels). By 12/1/08, DOE shall submit a greenhouse gas reduction plan to the legislature describing action necessary to achieve emission reduction goals. DOE shall develop and implement a system for monitoring and reporting emissions and track progress. Every 2 years, DOE shall report to legislature the total emissions of the preceding 2 years. In coordination with western climate initiative, the DOE director shall design a regional multisector market-based system to limit and reduce emissions. By 12/1/08 DOE & CTED directors shall deliver to legislature final CAT recommendations, and recommendations for implementing a regional multisector market-based system (recommendations shall include proposed legislation for implementation by 1/1/12).

- Fleets that emit at least 25,000 metric tons emission shall report
- Source that emits at least 10,000 metric tons of greenhouse gas annually must report.
- Require persons report 2009 emission starting in 2010 (no later than October 31<sup>st</sup>)

DOE shall establish benchmarks using a statewide baseline of 75 billion vehicle miles traveled less the vehicle miles traveled by commercial trucks and buses.

- Decrease annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 18% in 2020
- Decrease annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 30% in 2035; and
- Decrease annual per capita vehicle miles traveled by 50% by 2050.

By 7/1/08, DOT, with DCTED, shall establish a “collaborative process” to develop best practices and tools to assist state, regional and local entities in making progress toward these benchmarks.

By 12/1/08, DOE shall report to legislative transportation committees on the process and recommendations. Lastly, the bill establishes green economy jobs growth initiatives based on goal of, by 2020, increasing number of green jobs to 25,000. **Delivered to Governor.**

**2844: Urban forestry.** Provides incentives to cities and counties to develop urban forest management plans and ordinances and become designated an Evergreen Community. CTED is required to develop model “Evergreen Community Management Plans” for locals to consider. DNR may conduct an urban forest assessment and develop recommendations to the legislature by 12/1/08. DNR must conduct an inventory and assessment of one county east of the Cascades and on county west of the Cascades by 6/1/10. **Delivered to Governor.**

**6580: Local solutions to climate change.** Requires CTED to develop and provide counties and cities with advisory methodologies, a computer modeling program, and estimates of emission reductions resulting from specific measures. Creates pilot program of 3 counties and 6 cities (Local Government Global Warming Mitigation & Adaptation Program). Prohibits GMA hearings boards from hearing petitions alleging non-compliance with mitigation and adaption program. Creates study by 25 member policy committee. DCTED shall submit a report to legislature by 12/1/08. **Delivered to Governor.**

**Bills of interest that failed:**

**6784/3202: Vesting law.** Changed time of permit vesting from time of application to time of issuance. **Failed in houses of origin.**

**1727/6727: Buildable lands, establishes criteria.** Amended the land use element and the housing element of GMA to require designation of sufficient land for commercial, industrial and other nonresidential uses. Allowed sub-regions of adjacent cities and counties to address housing and growth. Amended in Senate to require King, Pierce & Snohomish counties to adopt development regulations of adjacent city or cities if parcel was surrounded by incorporated areas. **Died in Senate.**

**2950/6566: Concurrency and impact fees.** Allowed development once impact fees were paid regardless whether concurrency provisions were met. **Died in house of origin.**

**2734: Variance of shoreline management act.** Allows variance from 200 foot provision of act if removal of artificial vertical shoreline bank structure caused 200 foot limitation to impact inland due to erosion. **Failed in senate.**

**3230: SMA notice.** Changed notice provisions for permits under shoreline management act concerning applications to construct or alter a facility that performs repair on large marine vessels (over 75 feet). **Died in Senate.**